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SUBJ: QUEBEC ELECTION: PLAYERS AND TEAMS

1. IT IS GETTING SO ONE NEEDS A SCORE CARD NOT ONLY TO KNOW THE NAMES OF THE PLAYERS BUT ALSO THE NAMES OF THE TEAMS ON WHICH THEY ARE PLAYING AS PARTY-SWITCHING AND/OR NEWLY-ACKNOWLEDGED ALLEGIANCES FIND THEIR WAY INTO CANDIDACY ANNOUNCEMENTS.

2. UNDOUBTEDLY THE BEST KNOWN OF NEW CANDIDATES IS LISE PAYETTE, TV STAR OF LONG-STANDING AND FORMER PRESIDENT OF THE ST. JEAN BAPTISTE SOCIETY (SSJB), WHO WILL STAND FOR THE PARTI QUEBECOIS IN DORION RIDING. PAYETTE MAY WELL HAVE HAD SEPARATIST SYMPATHIES FOR A LONG TIME WHILE AS MANY SSJB HAVE, BUT SHE WAS NOT KNOWN TO BE A PQ PARTY MEMBER AND DESCRIBES HER DECISION TO RUN AS "DIFFICULT" ONE.

3. PQ ANNOUNCED ANOTHER "PRESTIGE" CANDIDATE YESTERDAY IN PERSON OF JACQUES COUTURE, PRIEST-ACTIVIST WHO RAN VERY WELL BUT UNSUCCESSFULLY AGAINST MAYOR DRAPEAU IN LAST CITY ELECTION. COUTURE'S PQ SYMPATHIES LONG KNOWN, HOWEVER, AND CANDIDACY NO SURPRISE.

4. UNION NATIONALE WILL BE REPRESENTED IN MONTMAGNY-L'ISLET BY  
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ANDRE ROUSSEAU, FORMER QUEBEC LIBERAL MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND

INDUSTRY, AND FORMER PRESIDENT OF QUEBEC LIBERAL PARTY. UN'S CHIEF, RODRIGUE BIRON, WAS ALSO LIBERAL UNTIL SHORTLY BEFORE ELECTION TO UN LEADERSHIP. ONE OF BIRON'S STRATEGISTS IS ANDRE BELLEROSE, WHO MANAGED CLAUDE WAGNER'S CLOSE RACE FOR PROGRESSIVE-CONSERVATIVE LEADERSHIP EARLY THIS YEAR. UN CANDIDATE IN RICHMOND, YVON BROCHUM, IS FORMER CREDITISTE MNA.

5. PQ CLAIMS DEFECTION OF UN SECRETARY-TREASURER IN ST. JACQUES RIDING TO TEAM OF PEQUISTE CANDIDATE CLAUDE CHARRON.

6. FORMER PQ MEMBER GERARD LANGLOIS HAS TURNED IN HIS CARD AND WILL RUN AS INDEPENDENT IN TASCHEREAU, AND FORMER MILITANT LIBERAL MAX WOLLOCK, EDITOR OF A REGIONAL WEEKLY "THE SUBURBAN", WILL STAND AS AN INDEPENDENT AGAINST LIBERAL MINISTER VICTOR GOLDBLOOM IN D'ARCY MCGEE.

7. LIBERALS UNVEILED THEIR OWN SURPRISE, DONAT TADDEO (MONTREAL'S 1573) AND THERESE LAVOIE-ROUX, PRESIDENT OF THE MONTREAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL COMMISSION.  
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